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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced Patent Application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Delete paragraph 2 of the above-captioned Specification and insert the following:

--[0002] The United States Government may own certain rights in this invention under DARPA Grant No.: N65236-99-I-5426. The present surge in genomic research, concomitant with the completion of several genome projects, and the anticipated investigation of several new organisms requires rapid oligonucleotide synthesis. In general, each gene requires two